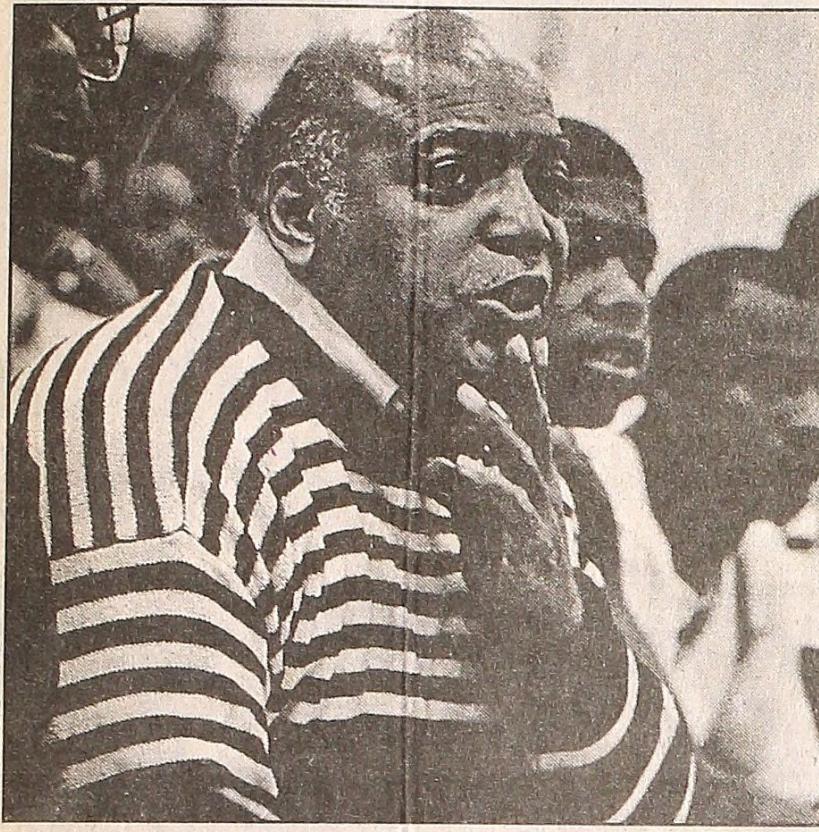


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Inkster coach-athletic director fired



George Thompson Jr. won't be back on the bench or the AD's office at Inkster High School. The board, he says, fired him last week.

Legendary coach is surprised, frustrated

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

In a 4-3 decision on Tuesday, the Inkster Board of Education decided not to renew the contract of legendary basketball coach and Inkster High athletic director George Thompson.

The board vote came as a surprise to Thompson, who has served the school district as an educator-coach-athletic director for more than three decades.

"I planned to retire in June," said Thompson, "but now I may consider other options."

Thompson said that his dismissal came as a surprise since school is scheduled to open for the 1999-2000 school year next week. He said that he did not know whether the position would be filled, and that there was speculation the board may have "someone else

in mind."

Asked whether this was yet another financial move by the board to balance the budget because the school district is having money problems, Thompson replied: "I don't think so."

"I offered them some options, such as handling the AD's responsibility on a part time basis, but I didn't get a positive response. They just wanted to get rid of me. And I definitely will seek legal opinion."

Thompson has had great success with the high school's basketball programs of the past. He has coached some of the finest basketball talent in the state, players such as Eartha Faust, Dwayne Fox, Barry Hardy and "Bo" Dukes. All starred in college; some went on to play professionally.

"I have spent 34 years of my life involved with sports and

the athletic programs of the Inkster School District, and I look back with satisfaction and joy at the accomplishments we have made in the district since I began, first as a coach, later as athletic director.

"When I started, the junior high school only offered one sport - boys' basketball. We now have eight sports at that level. In addition to basketball, we have track, wrestling, and football as well as girls' basketball, volleyball, softball, track and wrestling," Thompson pointed out.

Thompson said that despite the school district's financial crunch, he has managed to maintain a viable athletic program and also managed to refurbish and improve athletic facilities through contributions and volunteers. He pointed to the new football field press box, a first-class sound system in the gymna-

sium, weight room, batting cage, pitching machine, new baseball diamond and dugouts and a first-class eight-lane polyurethane track.

Thompson also said one of his final appointments was to name Alvin "Bo" Dukes as head varsity basketball coach. Dukes was a standout member who led the teams of the 1970's and went on to earn Hall of Fame recognition at Xavier University in New Orleans. Dukes was a professional ball player in Europe.

"With Dukes at the helm of the program, I know that the boys' basketball program is in capable hands, and that it will again rise at the level it once was."

Newly-appointed school board president George Williams was not available for comment at press time on Tuesday.

Last play TD saves Twisters' win streak

The Twisters kept their win streak alive last week.

But, just barely.

No. 4 went into the Twisters' win column thanks to a last play "Hail Mary" pass that Rob Elswick completed to Wayne's Reggie Brandon for a 26-yard TD that sealed the Twisters' 20-19 victory over the Black Swamp Patriots.

The close call came in the wake of an overtime victory against the Fury, the Twisters' playoff nemesis.

The win also was the fourth in a row for Twister CEO Glenn Brothers, who said he was elated over the victory despite the closeness of the game.

"It was a great win for us," said Brothers later. "There were only eight seconds left and I thought to myself that 'there goes our win streak,' but the kids came through."

"That Elswick-to-Brandon pass was really something. These kids deserve a lot of credit."

It was the fourth win in the row for the undisputed North Division leaders of the Lake Shore Football League.

With the hard-fought victory under their belts, the Twisters also posted a victory over the always dangerous Zanesville Fury.

Typical of their past encounters with the Fury, this match up again proved to be tough and resulted in another cliffhanger that was resolved in OT.

The scoring opened in the second quarter as the Fury drew first blood and took full advantage of an errant Twister pass that gave the opponents possession on the Twister 20 yard line.

Eight plays later, the Fury hit pay dirt.

Although the Twister defense dug in and refused to

That victory was well earned by our team, we have had some close calls early in the season.

- Twister CEO Glenn Brothers

give up the point- after, the Fury had the lead and was on top 6-0, the first time a team had led the local gridders.

However, three minutes later, the Twisters came back with the equalizer. They decided to go to the air on a last-ditch pass effort from the Fury 45 and Elswick found Brandon open again and scored with 15 seconds left in the initial half.

Chuck Pettipas booted the extra point, lifting the Twisters to a 7-6 lead that stood up until the fourth quarter.

In the third, both defenses took command and refused to give up crucial yardage.

Then, with four minutes left in the game, the Fury managed to break loose for a TD and it opted to go for the two-point conversion, which was successful.

Now up 14-7, the Fury had the Twisters' where they wanted them - deep in their own territory and only three minutes to the final whistle.

But the never-say-die Twisters, sparked by Elswick, who found receiver Leonard Morawa in the end zone for a 22-yard TD toss, put them back in the game.

Pettipas's second point-after was good, and the two teams were looking at a 14-all score with 55 seconds left. The Fury returned the ensuing kickoff to their own 39, and on their second play from scrimmage fumbled the ball to the Twisters.

Before time ran out, Pe-

titpas attempted a 54-yard field goal that fell just shy of the crossbar.

The Twisters and the Fury were now looking at their first "sudden death" overtime period.

Although the Twisters won the toss, they decided to go on offense and their opponents managed to return the kickoff to their own 31 yard line.

Seven plays later the Twisters received the ball again thanks to the Fury's generosity in the form of a fumble, recovered by the Twisters' Aaron Brothers.

Now, deep in Fury territory, the Twisters didn't let the opportunity slip them by.

Elswick engineered a seven-play series that culminated with running back Lamar Spalding powering his way into the end zone for the decisive touchdown.

"That victory was well-earned by our team," said Brothers after the Twisters walked off the field 20-14 winners. "We have had some close calls early in the season."

The Twisters will be on the road this weekend, traveling to Lorain, Ohio to face the Steelmen at Oberlin High School in Oberlin, Ohio. The Twisters will return home to the Academy of Detroit, nee Cherry Hill High School, the following weekend.

On Aug. 28, the Twisters are scheduled to take on Lima, Ohio's Thunder. The kickoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

With a near perfect record, Que's Sports captured the coveted 1999 city of Wayne's Girls Youth Softball League crown. Members of the team include Jessica VanHoffman (seated from left), Jennifer Davidson, Heather Quinn, Lindsay Fallow and Katie Osborne; second row are Ashley Areeda, Erin McCoy, Amber Vass, Kristi Igo, Merissa Meyers, Falan Ball, Andrea Potter and Coach Bryan Areeda. Not available at the time of the photo are team members Diana Misiak, Marlynda Noel, and coaches Jerry Ball and Steve Davidson. Que's ended the season with a 14-1 overall record.

Wayne crowns girls junior, senior softball loop champs

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The summer of 1999 may have been a hot and humid one, but Que's Sports and the Westland Marlins will probably remember '99 for other than the weather.

Both teams won softball championships in the city of Wayne leagues.

Que's managed to win 14 of its 15 games in the city of Wayne's Girls' Youth Softball League to capture the 1999 junior league championship. The Marlins had a perfect 14-0 record in winning the Girls' Youth Softball Senior League title.

Que's had a six-game cushion over second-place finishing News Printing

Inc., which garnered the runners-up trophy with its 8-7 mark. Amvets Post 171 finished third with a 5-10 record, while LaFontaine Toyota won two of its 15 games.

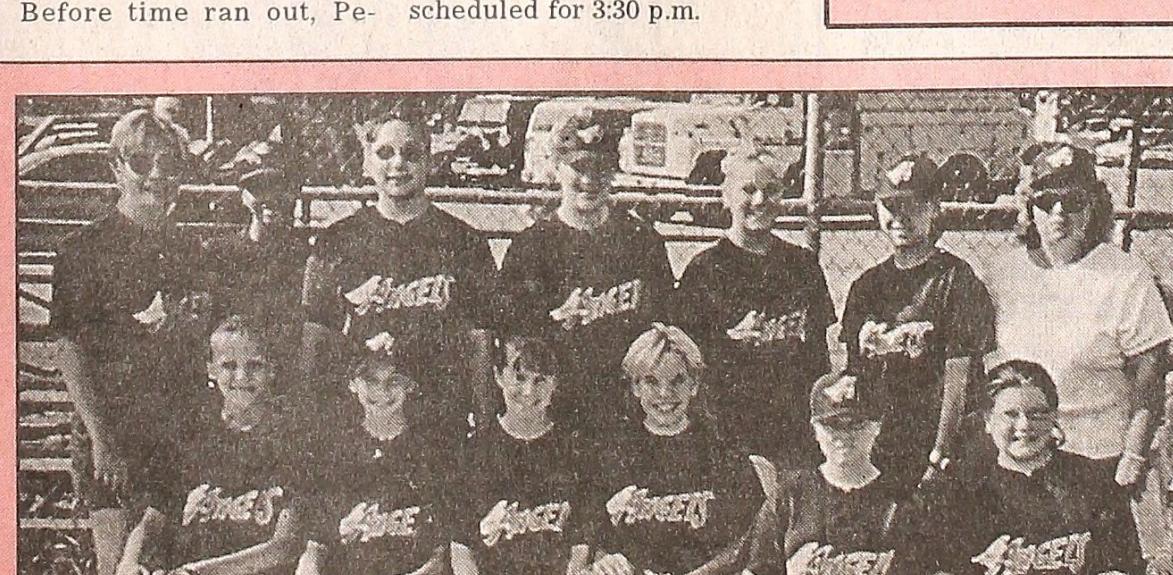
Que's lineup and coaches included: Marlynda Noel, Diana Misiak, Katie Osborne, Lindsay Fallow, Heather Quinn, Jennifer Davidson, Jessica VanHoffman, Andrea Potter, Falan Ball, Merissa Meyers, Kristi Igo, Amber Vass, Erin McCoy and Ashley Areenda. Que's Sports coaches are Bryan Areeda, Jerry Ball and Steve Davidson.

The Westland Marlins finished with a perfect 14-0 record thanks to the performances of team members

Jessica Timmer, Natalie Zabranski, Holly Deedler, Amanda Kinney, Chelsea Busch, Julie Busch, Micky Vangoff, Sarah Cruewz, Jessica Seres, Shelly Heim, Elizabeth Webb, Roxanne Corp, Sarah King and Heidi Pullam.

The manager of the Marlins was George Busch, and the team was coached by Bryan Busch. Dale Webb was the assistant coach.

The final standings in the Senior Circuit are as follows: Westland Marlins (14-0), Westland Phillies (10-5), Garden City No. 2 (9-6), Wayne Champion Rack (4-11), Westland/Livonia Angels (4-10) and Garden City No. 1 (3-12).



Filly League champs

With a 11-2 record, which included a 17-10 victory over Garden City for the championship, the Filly Angels (above) of the combined Westland Youth Athletic Association/Garden City Filly Softball League, earned the 1999 title. Team members included Christina Peterson (front row, from left), Michelle Engmark, Cori Adams, Amber Barber, Laci Green and Stephanie Horne; second row are coach Kathy Copland, Ashli Wesley, Christine Copland, Jenni Chattaway, Amber Pilot, Erica Novack, and coach Sue Copland.

Huebner's 80 leads women golfers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Karen Huebner fired a six-over-par 80 at Stonebridge Golf Course to lead the field in the First Flight of the Women's Suburban Golf Association.

Huebner's score was the low gross for the flight, while Nancy Wilkie checked in with a 92 for the second-best score of the afternoon in the flight.

The best net score of the tournament went to June Wright who turned in with a 77, one stroke better than a pair of Wayne golfers - Mary Allen and Carolyn Benninger.

In the meantime, Wayne's Pat Henke toured the course with an 89 which stood up as

the low gross in the second flight of the WSGA tournament. In the runners-up spot was Dearborn's Mary G. Stefanac, who registered a 102.

Ann Kraft shot a 76, the top low net score. Two strokes back with 78s were Lori Wilson and Dorothy Cortes.

They were among the best at the '99 city golf tourney

Morton repeat winner

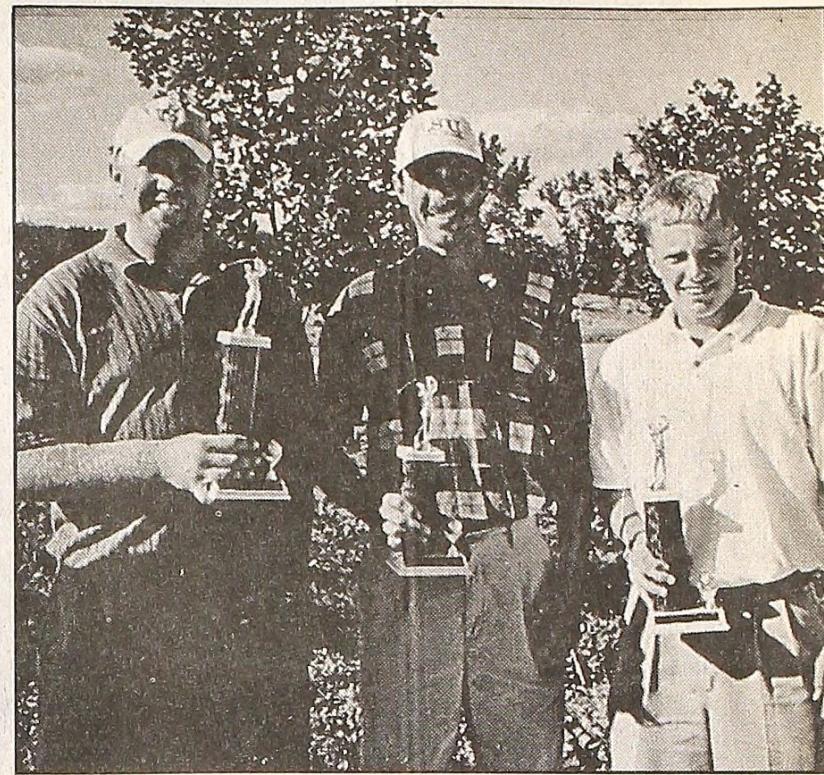
They were all winners and no losers at the 1999 City Championship Golf Tournament staged the weekend of Aug. 7-8 at the Woodlands of Van Buren. Although defending champ Mark Morton managed to come back from a horrendous first round to salvage his third consecutive tournament championship, there were other winners. Their accomplishments are described with their photos.



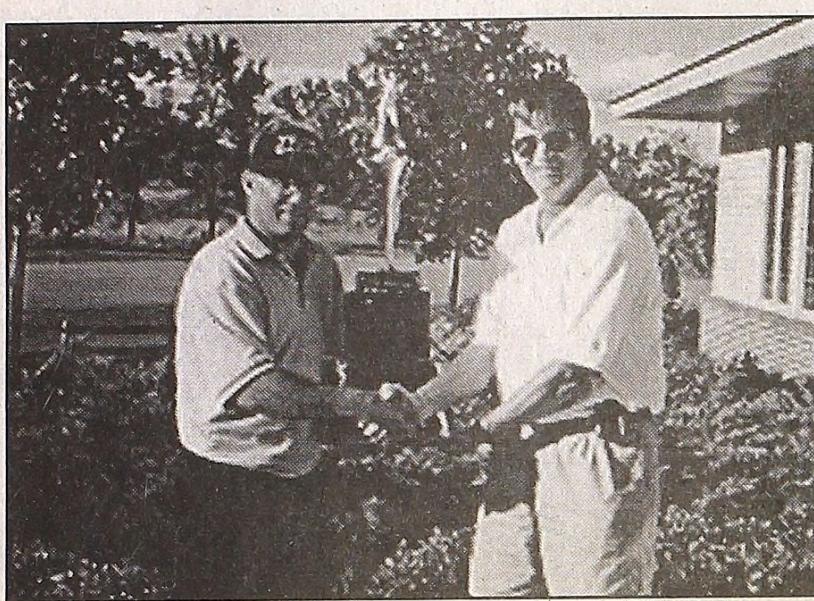
Gary Clark, tournament committee member, congratulates and presents Mark Morton (at right) the medalist trophy for the 1999 City Championship Golf Tournament. Morton came back from a first-round 81 to shoot a 75 to post a two-day winning total of 156. It is the third straight year that Morton has won the summer classic.



In the battle for the Westland Women's Division title, Virg Sexton (above, at right) finished in the front of the field. Denea Phillips was runnerup, while Billie Seaver got the third-place trophy.



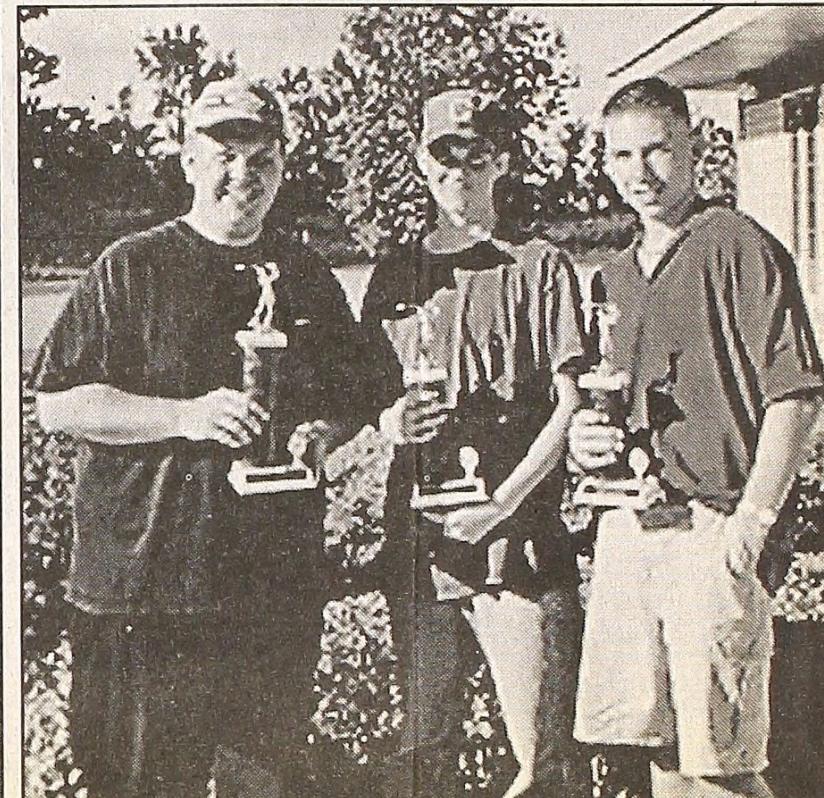
Bob Selberg, one of the first round leaders, hung on to win the Canton Township Championship Flight title. He beat out Kyle Gierada (at right) and John Garbossi (center), who finished second and third, respectively, in that flight.



Keith Kieznowski, a repeat winner in the city of Wayne, receives the Patrolman Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Trophy, awarded to the golfer who won the city title, from Gary Clark. Kienowski finished one-stroke behind the medalist, Mark Morton, in the duel for the tournament's medalist honors.



Though he thrived in Saturday's rain, Bill Hawley (at right) wilted in the sun on Sunday, but the Wayne Memorial athletic director managed to win the Senior Division championship. Runner-up was Rick Stoner (center) and Doug Tompkins finished third.



Mark Morton (at left) strolled off the Woodlands course with a pair of trophies. Along with tournament medalist honors he also won the city of Westland title. Runner up was Brian Reed (center) and Mike Swafford settled for third place.

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Salvation Army general named

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The international management team of the Salvation Army will take on new leadership next week, as General-elect John Gowans takes office replacing retiring Gen. Paul Rader.

Rader is retiring Monday after a distinguished run as general of the world-wide organization that has corps or other centers in 104 nations.

The Salvation Army's official news magazine *The War Cry* said Rader's visionary leadership has been characterized by his eloquent and spirited exposition of the ministry of the Salvation Army.

Rader "masterfully articulated the compelling need in the world today for a clear understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ," the magazine stated.

Rader was one of the rare Americans, who has risen to the top office in the Salvation Army.

Gowans was born in Yorkshire, England and his wife, Gisele, was born in Paris, France.



John Gowans

The Army was created in London, England, back in 1865 by William Booth. The Army spread to the U.S. less than a decade later.

The Gowans were expected to retire this year also, but he was selected out of five candidates to become the Army's new general.

Thus the careers' of both he and his wife have been ex-

tended three years, until November 2002.

Gowan is expected to bring his own penetrating vision to the office of general, as he is an accomplished lyricist and poet.

Gowan was selected back in May as 74 Salvation Army leaders gathered in London for a 10-day session kicked off by all members offering the Lord's Prayer in their own language.

On that concluding 10th day

Gowan (who had been serving as leader of the United Kingdom territory for the Salvation Army) was named to lead the Army into the 21st Century.

Gowan reportedly greeted the Army High Council's decision with the announcement, he would work for the "total mobilization of the Army."

Both Gowans have served in many locations around the globe -- including the United Kingdom, France, the USA and Australia.

St. Al's Festival to begin Aug. 27

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

St. Aloysius Church's usual annual Labor Day festival will be held a week early this year.

A church spokeswoman said festival directors decided that western Wayne County residents' lifestyles are different today than 49 years ago when the festival first began.

St. Aloysius Festival will begin at 5 p.m. Aug. 27 -- thus breaking the church's almost half century tradition.

"Labor Day weekend has become a weekend many persons go up north to close down their summer places," the spokeswoman said, "and that impacted both our festival volunteers and fun seekers."

She added "so by advancing the festival a week ahead of

past schedules we feel we will be making it more convenient for everyone involved."

A popular group of musicians known as Channel 6 will begin performing from 6 to 11 p.m. that opening night Friday Aug. 27.

Meals will also be offered each night including a fish dinner on Aug. 27 (from 5 to 7:30 p.m.); a spaghetti dinner on Saturday Aug. 28 (from 4:30 to 7 p.m.) and a chicken dinner on Sunday Aug. 29 (from noon to 5 p.m.).

There will be plenty of parking, new amusement rides and a \$5,000 grand prize for the raffle games.

In addition, the spokeswoman said, a Polka Mass will be held on Aug. 29 at which time Polish music will be featured.

Church briefs

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A Youth Rally is being planned for 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland.

The Rev. Jimmy Lawson announced that Jimmy Mitchell, a police officer and youth pastor from Sophia Free Will Baptist Church in Beckley, W.V., will be the guest speaker.

A time of food, fellowship and fun is planned in the church gymnasium following the rally.

Area youth and adults are invited to the rally. The church is located at 33031 Cherry Hill Road (between Wayne Road and Venoy) in Westland.

The youth of Westland Free Methodist Church are selling Gold C Entertainment and Westland Business Owners Association coupon books.

The sales period is from Aug. 23 to Oct. 15, 1999.

To place an order and seek more information call 734-729-2368.

Don't forget to look for your horoscope predictions in the Sunday Eyewitness

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YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

FLY FISHING SEMINAR featuring all day sessions will be held Aug. 21 and Sept. 4, 11 and 18 at Buetter's Outdoors at 120 E. Main St. in Northville. All participants need are a fishing license and a good attitude. Call 248-349-3677 for details.

FREE SCREENING FOR LEG PAIN will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn (the Adray Conference Center). For an appointment call 800-543-WELL.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS INFORMATION can be obtained by MS patients by calling 800-LEARN-MS. Statewide referral information ranging from accessible van rentals to vocational training centers can be obtained.

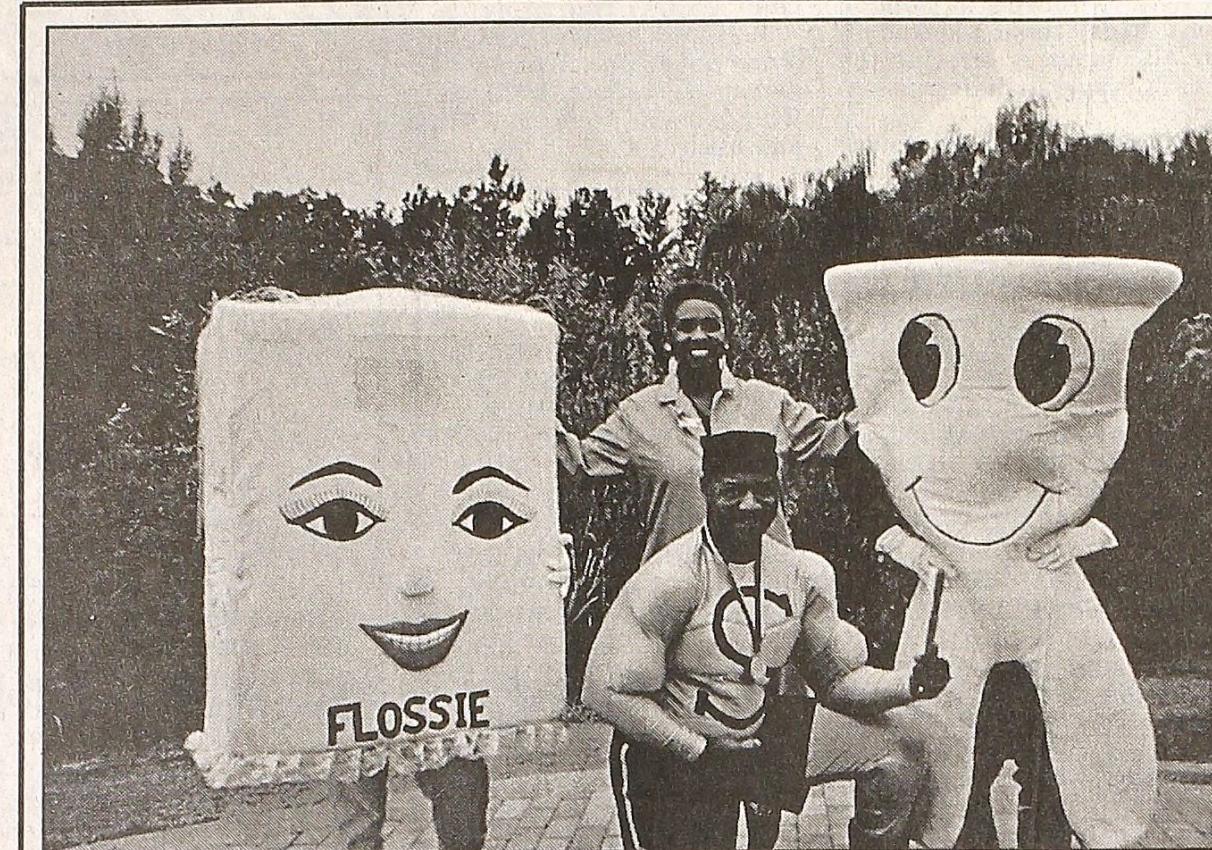
HAGGERTY SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING for the new addition planned for Haggerty Elementary School, 13770 Haggerty Road in Belleville is planned for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23. The school is expected to open during the winter of the year 2000.

BREAST CANCER WALK is slated at 9 a.m. Oct. 16 at Belle Isle Park. The 4.7 mile walk raises funds for breast cancer research, programs and services in Southeast Michigan. For more information call 248-557-5353.

YPSILANTI GARDEN CLUB will have its first annual garden tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 21, featuring six unique gardens that contain either water fountains or ponds. Tickets cost \$6. For more information call 734-483-3286.

TRAIN SWAP-SALE Buy and swap toys and train items from noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 26 at SS Simon and Jude Church located at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. To register for tables call Norm at 595-8327 between 5 and 11 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 for a family.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE sponsored by the Romulus Police Department and hosted by VFW Post 9568 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 11 and 12. There is no charge for the course and lunch will be provided. Applications may be picked up at the Romulus Police Department and returned



Health Fair Celebration

WeTonia R. Barber-Kitchen, registered dental hygienist with the Wayne County Health Department (center rear), is shown with Flossie, right; Strengthor, center kneeling, and Tooth at right in preparation for the Wayne County Health Fair on Aug. 26 at the offices at 33030 Van Born Road in Wayne. MCN Special Photo

by Sept. 8.

BELLEVILLE HIGH ALUMNI REUNION is slated from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 12 at Victory Park in Belleville. Bring your own soft drinks and a comfortable chair to relax in. In case of rain the event will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Belleville at Charles and Church Streets. For more information call Ken at 734-697-8880.

BELLEVILLE HIGH ALUMNI BANQUET slated at 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the new high school cafeteria. A social hour will begin at 3 p.m. and the cost is \$15. For more information call Mildred Baker at 734-699-5231.

DRESSED TO THE NINES featuring fashions from Kohl's will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 under the sponsorship of the Girls Scouts - Huron Valley Council. The event is at the Holiday Inn North Campus, 3600 N. Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor. Cost is \$35 and reservations are needed by Aug. 26.

ARTS AND CRAFTS BOUTIQUE free admission sponsored by the Mother Cabrini Guild of SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. Sale is slated from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13. For tables call 734-421-0591 or 734-721-0545.

LIGHT THE NIGHT TO CURE LEUKEMIA Two and three mile walks will take place on Sept. 23 at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown Township and Sept. 24 at Memorial Park in Royal Oak. Cancer survivors will carry special white balloons and all others will carry red balloons. For more information call 800-456-a5413.

CRAFTERS WANTED by the Salvation Army, Dearborn Heights Citadel, for the "Something Old...Something New" sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 11. Deadline for table applications is Sept. 3 and the cost is \$20 for one table and \$36 for two tables. For more information call Lauraie Aren at 313-563-4457.

DANCING AUDITIONS SLATED The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Co. will hold open auditions for dancers on Aug. 29 at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-190, Plymouth. The phone number is 734-397-8828. Two audition classes are slated from 1 to 2 p.m. for nine to 12 year olds and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for those 13 and over.

MATURE DRIVING CLASS for drivers 50 years and older will be held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 7 and 8 in the West Addition A of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Cost is \$8 per course. The eight hour refresher course is co-sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. For more information call 734-655-8940 or 800-494-1615.

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH REUNION for class of 1969. Slated for Oct. 2 at the Novi Hilton. Call Karen (Keyser) Turner at 734-326-6203.

COMPUTER, TECHNOLOGY SHOW slated from noon to 9 p.m. Sept. 10; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 11 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Gibraltar Trade Center at 15525 Racho Drive in Taylor. There will be new and used computers, hardware, printers, keyboards, scanners, computer furniture, etc. For details call 734-287-2000.

SPORTS CARD SHOW slated at Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Racho Drive in Taylor from noon to 9 p.m. on Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 18 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 19. There will be hundreds of tables of sports memorabilia, trading cards, beanie babies, etc. For details call 734-287-2000.



Louise and Waddie Dozier

Machen, Dozier married recently

M. Louise Long Machen of Wayne and Deacon Waddie L. Dozier of Inkster were married on July 25, 1999 at the Beulah Baptist Church of Westland.

Charlene Roberson was the maid-of-honor and Johnathan A. Dozier was the best man. Timeria Roberson served as the flower girl.

The bride is a retired General Motors employee, having worked at the Powertrain site in Ypsilanti.

The groom has owned and operated Dozier's Hauling and Dumping.

Johnson, Ramirez will wed Sept. 4

Martha Johnson, daughter of Katherine Johnson of Inkster and the late Richard Johnson, will wed Efren Ramirez, son of Efren Ramirez and Teresa Cantu of Taylor, on Sept. 4, 1999.

The wedding will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Wayne.

The bride-elect has earned a business degree from Wayne State University and currently is employed by Koll Development.

The groom-to-be is employed by General Motors and is enrolled in skill trade classes.

The Johnsons plan to spend their honeymoon on a cruise of the Bahamas.



Efren Ramirez and Martha Johnson

Cool treats, cool tunes

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the Belleville Community Band will be hosting an Ice Cream Social and Band Performance on Sunday, August 22 at 3 p.m. on the front lawn of the Columbia Court Senior Center Apartment Complex.

This summer concert is open to the public as well as the residents of Columbia Court and there is no charge to enjoy the music and the ice cream treats (as long as they last).

In case of rain, the performance will be held inside the building in the community room of Columbia Court, located at 275 E. Columbia in Belleville.

The Belleville Community

Band is in its third season and is directed by Paul M. Michalsen. The musicians range in age from teen-age to active seniors and the instrumentation of woodwinds, brass and percussion is typical of a modern-day band. The band was formed in the summer of 1997 by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and musicians who enjoy performing.

The program includes "classic" band literature, well-known marches, folk hymns, music from Broadway, movies and popular tunes. For more information, call Mary Herring at (734) 697-4835 or (734) 697-8123.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on and join in the fun.

Irish rogue and features interactions between cast and the audience attending a unique memorial service. Tickets are \$25. Tickets are available by calling 248-645-6666.

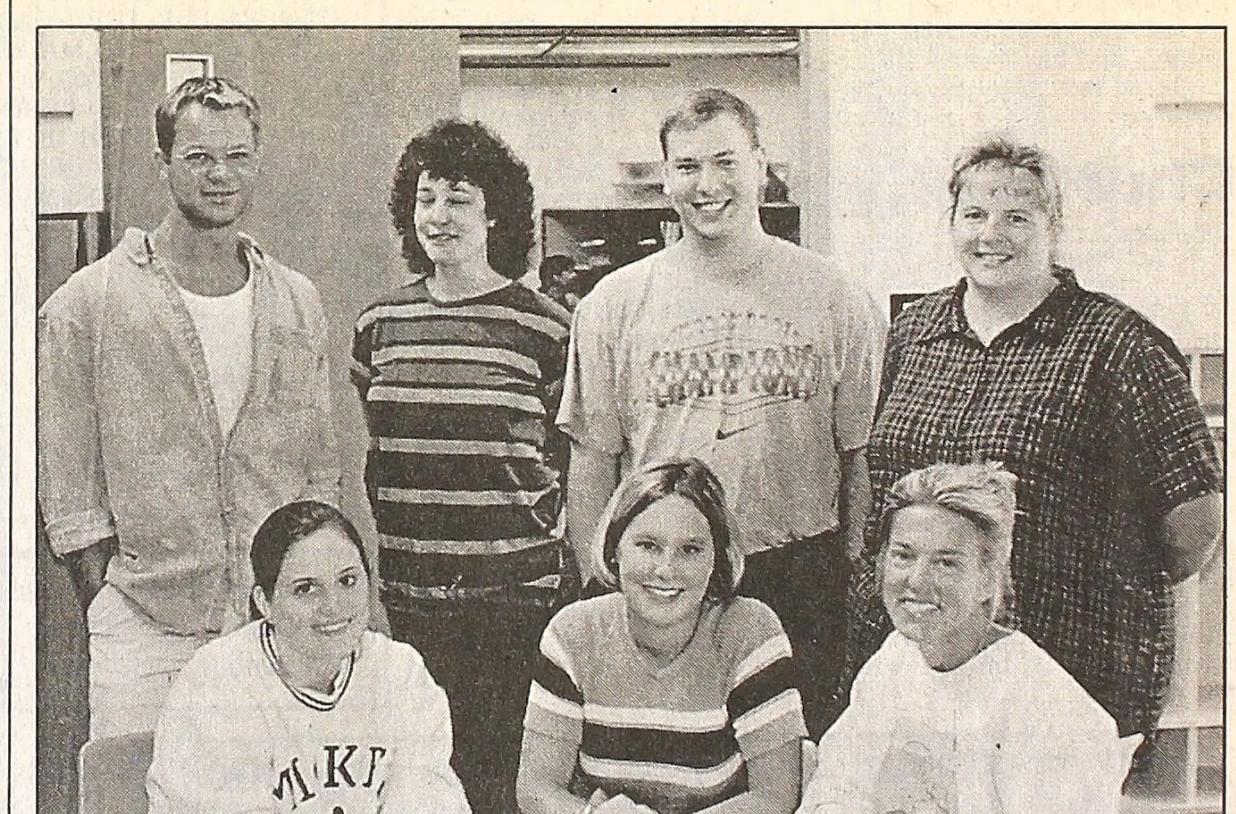
ALL BEANIE BABY SHOW is slated from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12 at the City of Plymouth's Fall Festival. Show will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for those ages four to 12. For more information call 734-455-2110.

K9 CAPERS CONTEST sponsored by the Michigan Humane Society for area dogs will be held during the Animal Care Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 29 on the front lawn of the Southfield Civic Center. Nine games for the dogs will take place including the Tidbit Toss, Freestyle Trick and Las-

sie Sez. For more information call the MHS in Westland at 734-721-7300.

CHILD I.D. SESSION is slated from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 21 at OptimEyes in Westland in cooperation with the AAA Michigan. Parents who bring their children to the OptimEyes location can expect to receive a 5 by 7 card with their children's photos, fingerprints and personal information. For more information call 810-774-7000.

STORYTELLERS RETREAT is slated Sept. 24-26 under the sponsorship of Oral Magic at the Howell Nature Center in Howell. Goal is to have storytellers, aspiring tellers or anyone interested in story telling to gather for a weekend of relaxation and sharing. For more information call 734-451-1128.



New teachers workshop

New Romulus teachers recently took part in a series of district technology workshops organized by Linda Cook, the district's technology chief. From left (front row) are Amy Winter, Barth School; Tiffany Kerner, Wick School; and Nancy Baziuk, physical ed teacher. Back row includes: Jeff Legg, special education instructor; Gloria Williams, Cory School; Jeff Leucht, Hale Creek School and Julie Wadsworth, St. Aloysius School. MCN Special Photo

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Call 729-4000, ext. 43 for further information.

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Efren Ramirez and Martha Johnson

Seniors on the move

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Seniors enjoy 'Night Out'

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MCN Staff Writer

Senior citizens, local police officers and even youth of all ages teamed up recently in Romulus to "give crime a going away party."

Community Police Officer Joe Richardson said more than 300 seniors and other citizens gathered along Bibbins in Romulus to mark the national "Night Out" program.

Some of the outdoor activities and even those inside the Senior Center, Romulus Towers and other buildings along Bibbins were video taped by the city's Cable Department.

One of the highlights of the

afternoon and evening events was the dunk tank sponsored by the 34th District Court. Various persons expressed pleasure at dunking Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judge Brian Oakley.

Even Ronald McDonald of the Wayne Road McDonald's Restaurant offered an hour long program for the seniors' grandchildren and other youth focusing on "trustworthiness, responsibility and respect."

Richardson said the Open Pit Chicago Style and Coney restaurant of Romulus trained Police Chief Charles Kirby and Lts. Robert Brown and Eric Painter in the art of operating a hot dog stand that day.

The Double Tree Hotel and

U.S. Park companies provided games and volunteers for social outing.

Richardson added Crova's Towing Service also provided a Go-Kart for Officer Michael Jones to use during the afternoon and evening outdoor events.

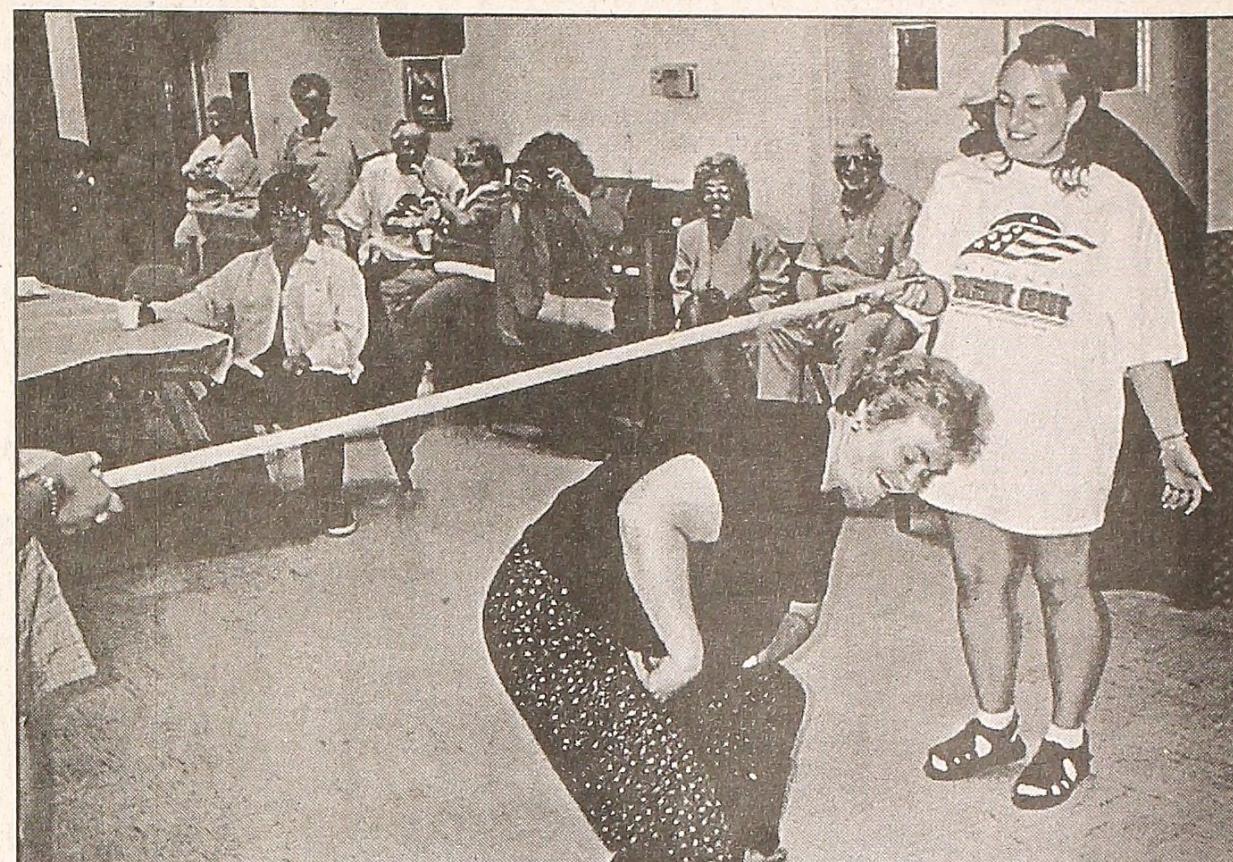
In addition over 100 seniors enjoyed a turkey dinner at the center, and even more joined in bingo games.

Richardson said this year's Night Out event was even more organized than those in the past. He expressed deep appreciation to the Canton Fire Department for use of their portable fire house that was manned by local Fire Chief David Allison and some of his staff.

The fire house is a fire safety unit used to acquaint children how to exit fire and smoke filled homes.

He said funds from the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan and an Eastern Michigan University grant helped pay for many of the prizes and other gifts.

Richardson also thanked Judy Bower of the Romulus McDonald's for providing Ronald McDonald and other services.



More than 300 senior citizens took part in the Night Out program in Romulus recently. Above an unidentified woman shows the expertise needed to do the limbo at the Senior Center on Bibbins. MCN Special Photo

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Nursing home seminar slated

A seminar on *Nursing Home Care and Your Rights* is slated at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Westland Senior Friendship Center.

The guest speaker will be Nida Donar of the Citizens for Better Care organization.

The CBC is an advocacy group active in protecting, enforcing and resolving the issues of residents in nursing homes.

The seminar will provide

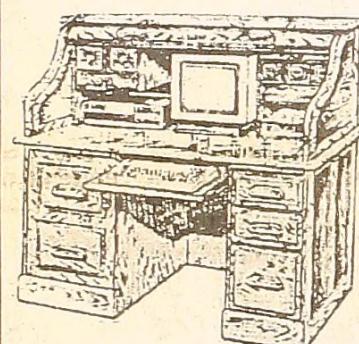
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those in attendance with information about long term nursing home care, the rights of residents and additional information.

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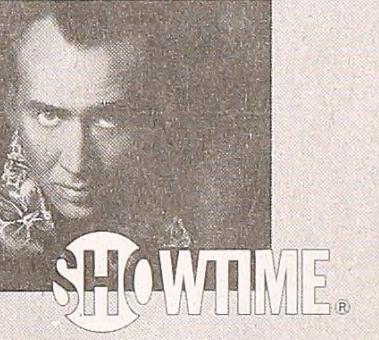
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ALLGOOD, BARBARA A.

Age 62 of Westland, passed away Aug. 10, 1999. Dear mother of James, Phyllis and Pamela. Also survived by ex-husband Phillip H. Trotter, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Services were held Aug. 13 at Uhl Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

ANDERSON, ROSE

Age 102 of Romulus, passed away Aug. 12, 1999. Dear mother of Helen and step mother of Ronald (Nancy). Also survived by 2 sisters, 4 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Services were held Aug. 14 at Calvary Baptist Church in Romulus with interment at Romulus Cemetery in Romulus.

BISHOP, RONALD G.

Age 58 of Romulus, passed away Aug.

12, 1999. Beloved husband of Diane K. Bishop. Dear father of Kristin K. Bishop. Also survived by 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Services were held Aug. 16 at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with interment at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

BLOCK, ALLEN F.

Age 77 of Romulus, passed away Aug. 12, 1999. Beloved husband of the late Millicent (Pyle) Block. Dear father of Albert (Elaine). Also survived by 1 sister and 2 grandchildren. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Services were held Aug. 16 at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with interment at West Mound Cemetery in Taylor.

BRENKERT, CORNELIUS "BUD"

Age 77 of Plymouth, passed away Aug. 6, 1999. Beloved husband of Catherine. Dear father of Barbara Ann (Dan), Susan Elizabeth (Jim) and Joan Catherine (Bruce). Also survived by 7 grandchildren. Services were held Aug. 10 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with interment at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills, MI.

CARDINAL, DARREN L.

Age 34 of Ypsilanti, passed away Aug. 10, 1999. Beloved husband of Denise R. Dear father of Darren Jr., Fred "Buddy", and Hunter. Dear son of Richard L. and the late Nellie S. Also survived by 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Preceded in death by his mother Nellie S., grandmother and 2 brothers. Services were held Aug. 13 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with interment at Soop Cemetery in Belleville.

CASEY, VIRGINIA G.

Age 63 of Romulus, passed away June 28, 1999. Dear mother of Janice, Virginia, Joyce, Gloria, Yvette, Yvonne, David and Dawn. Also survived by 3 brothers, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held July 3 at God's City of Refuge.

HANNAH, ALICE H.

Age 60 of Westland, passed away Aug.

Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

COLEMAN, GEORGE AARON

Age 56 of Inkster, passed away July 15, 1999. Services were held July 24 in Mason, Tennessee. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

CRAIL, ANTHONY (TONY)

Age 65 of Belleville, passed away Aug. 13, 1999. Survived by companion Helen Dillin, step-children Gary, Bruce, Marty and Alice. Other survivors include 1 brother, 1 sister and 7 grandchildren. Services were held Aug. 16 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville with interment at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, MI.

DARDEN, BARBARA

Age 61 of Inkster, passed away July 23, 1999. Dear mother of Theadus, Tracey and Richard. Also survived by 3 granddaughters, 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Services were held July 30 at Greater Hayes Memorial Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

FRANKLIN, HAROLD L.

Age 71 of Inkster, passed away June 13, 1999. Dear father of Jacqueline, Marlene, Wanda, Inez, Evelyn, Sandra, Laura, Benjamin and James. Also survived by 27 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Services were held July 7 at Beulah Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

GRIFFIN, JOHN WESLEY

Age 78 of Detroit, passed away July 1, 1999. Dear father of Larry and Lori. Also survived by 1 sister and 3 grandchildren. Services were held July 9 at Thompson Funeral Home in Detroit. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

HANNAH, ALICE H.

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MASSINGILL, SUZANNA F.

Age 83 of Ypsilanti (formerly of Boaz, AL and Romulus, MI), passed away peacefully at Fair View Pines adult home on Aug. 12, 1999. She was born January 9, 1916 in Portview, PA, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Fencik. She served in the Women's Army Corps during WWII where she met and later married George Massingill. Preceding her in

death were her husband George, mother and father, brothers Joseph Fencik, Steve Fencik, and Michael Fencik and sisters Helen Wertz, Anna Kane, Pauline Bowman-Bazalea, and Mary Collins. She is survived by her three loving sons, Ken (Judy), Wiley (Karen), and Stephen (Joyce), sister Elizabeth Metz, three grandchildren, Jasmine Engberg, Heather, and Alex, and two great-grandchildren Athena and Shahan Engberg. Funeral services were held at St. Williams Catholic Church, 929 Gunter Ave., Guntersville, AL 35976. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Williams Catholic Church or to Hospice of Washenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Arrangements by Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Ann Arbor, MI.

MALLOY, JOHN FRANK

Age 61 of Inkster, passed away July 15, 1999. Beloved husband of Doris. Dear father of Anthony, John K., Jeffrey and Deborah. Also survived by 3 sisters and 11 grandchildren.

MARKS, RICHARD E.

Age 80 of Dexter, MI, passed away Aug. 6, 1999. Beloved husband of Mary A. (Mimi) Marks. Dear father of Susan (Doug), Thomas, William (Terri), Patricia (Luis), James (Diana), Sarah and Charity (Timothy). Also survived by 1 brother and 5 grandchildren. Services were held Aug. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with interment at Calvary Cemetery in Toledo, OH. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

MILLER, HAZEL

Age 95 of Romulus, passed away Aug. 11, 1999. Survived by 1 niece, 2 sisters and 4 brothers. Services were held Aug. 14 at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with interment at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

PAYNE, EULA N.

Age 77 of Romulus, passed away Aug. 13, 1999. Beloved wife of the late Leonard T. Payne. Dear mother of Leonard, Romney and Pamala Lynn Hammer. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Services were held Aug. 17 at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with interment at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Flat Rock.

STOUDEMIRE, DELORES

Passed away June 16, 1999. Dear mother of Deborah, Wanda, Camille and Renee. Also survived by 4 sisters, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held July 2 at Thompson Funeral Home in Detroit. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

death were her husband George, mother and father, brothers Joseph Fencik, Steve Fencik, and Michael Fencik and sisters Helen Wertz, Anna Kane, Pauline Bowman-Bazalea, and Mary Collins. She is survived by her three loving sons, Ken (Judy), Wiley (Karen), and Stephen (Joyce), sister Elizabeth Metz, three grandchildren, Jasmine Engberg, Heather, and Alex, and two great-grandchildren Athena and Shahan Engberg. Funeral services were held at St. Williams Catholic Church, 929 Gunter Ave., Guntersville, AL 35976. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Williams Catholic Church or to Hospice of Washenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Arrangements by Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Ann Arbor, MI.

KNIGHTEN, REATHA Y.

Age 54 of Inkster, passed away July 10, 1999. Beloved wife of Sanders Sr. Dear mother of Sanders Jr., Solomon and Vivian. Also survived by 6 brothers and 8 sisters. Services were held July 17 at Smith Chapel AME Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

MCKINNEY, REV. LUCILLE

Age 79 of Inkster, passed away July 20, 1999. Beloved wife of John. Dear mother of Sherry and grandmother of 4. Services were held at St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

ROBERTS, CALVIN "KEITH"

Age 34 of Inkster, passed away July 22, 1999. Survived by his grandparents and 3 sisters. Services were held July 27 at Beulah Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

SIMMONS, ESSIE D.

Age 75 of Inkster, passed away July 24, 1999. Beloved wife of J. W. Simmons. Dear mother of Zilph Ann, J. W. Jr., Sarah, George, Anthony, Janet and Karen. Also survived by 17 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 1 God daughter. Services were held July 31 at Pilgrims Travelers Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

STEWART, MARY HELEN

Age 54 of Canton, passed away Aug. 9, 1999. Beloved wife of Donald. Dear mother of Brandon (Kristin) and Tiffany. Also survived by her mother Mildred, 2 sisters and 1 brother. Preceded in death by her father John. Services were held Aug. 13 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

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